

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A magnetic linear drive comprising:

a base; ~~and~~

a first movable part, which can be moved along an axis, wherein a first magnetic force effect for movement of the first movable part is produced between the base and the first movable part; [[7]] ~~and~~

a second movable part, movable along the axis, said second movable part being mounted such that it can move on the first movable part; and

a second magnetic force effect produced between the first movable part and the second movable part, for moving the second movable part along the axis, said second movable part being movable by said second magnetic force effect independent of movement of the first movable part.

~~a second magnetic force effect for movement of a second movable part is produced between the first movable part and the second movable part, which can be moved along the axis, wherein the second movable part is mounted such that it can move on the first movable part.~~

Claim 2 (original): The magnetic linear drive as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a first and a second permanent magnet aligned with respect to one another such that, in a limit position of the magnetic linear drive, the magnetic fluxes of the first permanent magnet and of the second permanent magnet are closed along a common path within a high-permeability multiple part core body.

Claim 3 (original): The magnetic linear drive as claimed in claim 1, further comprising field windings arranged at a fixed angle with respect to the first movable part.

Claim 4 (original): The magnetic linear drive as claimed in claim 1, wherein the second movable part is a plunger-type armature.

Claim 5 (original): The magnetic linear drive as claimed in claim 1, wherein each of the movable parts has an associated field winding.

Claim 6 (withdrawn and currently amended): A method for operation of a magnetic linear drive having a base and a first movable part, which can be moved along an axis, wherein a first magnetic force effect for movement of the first movable part is produced between the base and the first movable part, and a second magnetic force effect for movement of a second movable part is produced between the first movable part and the second movable part, which can be moved along the axis, wherein the second movable part is mounted such that it can move on the first movable part, the second movable part being movable by the second magnetic force effect independent of movement of the first movable part, the method comprising separating a magnetic circuit which is fed jointly by a first permanent magnet and a second permanent magnet within a high-permeability multiple part body into magnetic circuits which are fed separately, during movement of at least ~~on~~ one of the movable parts.

Claim 7 (withdrawn and currently amended): A method for operation of a magnetic linear drive having a base and a first movable part, which can be moved along an axis, wherein a first magnetic force effect for movement of the first movable part is produced between the base and the first movable part, and a second magnetic force effect for movement of a second

movable part is produced between the first movable part and the second movable part, which can be moved along the axis, wherein the second movable part is mounted such that it can move on the first movable part, the second movable part being movable by the second magnetic force effect independent of movement of the first movable part, the method comprising influencing the time sequence of the movements of the first and of the second movable part by means of a control apparatus, using at least one of the field windings.